By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

Prohibiting the keeping the Fair of *Holden* alias *Howden*, in the County of *York*.

CHARLES R.

THe Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, out of His Princely and Chriſtian care of His loving Subjects, that no good means of Providence may be neglected to ſtay the further ſpreading of the great Infection of the Plague, doth find it neceſſary to prevent all occaſions of publick Concourſe of His people for the preſent, till it ſhall pleaſe Almighty God of his goodneſs to ceaſe the violence of the Contagion, which is very far diſperſed into many parts of this Kingdom already: And therefore taking notice that there is at hand a Fair in the County of York, not far from that City, called Holden or Howden Fair; the holding whereof now at the uſual time, would in all likelihood be the occaſion of further Danger and Infection, eſpecially to thoſe parts of the Land, which yet, by Gods mercy, ſtand clear and free; Hath, with the Advice of His Privie Council, thought good by this open Declaration

of his Pleaſure and neceſſary Commandment, not onely to admoniſh and require all his loving Subjects to forbear to reſort for this time to the ſaid Fair of Holden *alias* Howden, or to any other Fair or Fairs within the County of York; but alſo to enjoyn the Lord or Lords of the ſaid Fairs, and others Intereſted in them, or any of them, That they all forbear to hold any the ſaid Fairs, or any thing appertaining to them at the times accuſtomed, or at any other time, till by Gods goodneſs and mercy the Infection of the Plague ſhall ceaſe, or be ſo much diminiſhed, that his Majeſty ſhall give Order for holding the ſame; upon pain of ſuch puniſhments, as for a Contempt ſo much concerning the General Safety of his people, they ſhall be judged to deſerve; which they muſt expect to be inflicted with all ſeverity. And to that purpoſe doth hereby further Charge and Enjoyn under like Penalty, all Citizens and Inhabitants of the Cities of London and Weſtminſter, that none of them ſhall repair to the ſaid Fair of Holden *alias* Howden, or any Fairs held within the ſaid County of York, or any part of this Kingdom, until it ſhall pleaſe God to ceaſe the Infection now reigning amongſt them: His Majeſties intention being, and ſo hereby declaring himſelf, That no Lord of any Fairs, or others Intereſted in the Profits thereof, ſhall by this neceſſary and temporary reſtraint receive any prejudice in the Right of his or their Fairs, or Liberties thereunto belonging; Any thing before mentioned notwithſtanding.

Given at Our Court at *Salisbury*, the Twenty ſeventh day of *Auguſt*, 1665. in the Seventeenth year of Our Reign.

God ſave the King.

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